

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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1. (Original) An aqueous solution that comprises recombinant granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor, wherein said solution further comprises from 0.1 mM to 50 mM EDTA.
 2. (Original) The aqueous solution of claim 1, wherein the concentration of EDTA is 0.1 to 5mM.
 3. (Original) The aqueous solution of claim 1, wherein the recombinant granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor is sargramostim.
 4. (Original) The aqueous solution of claim 3, wherein the EDTA concentration is 5 mM, and wherein the solution has a pH of 7.4 and further comprises 10 mM TRIS-HCL, 40 mg/ml mannitol, 10 mg/ml sucrose.
 5. (Original) A process for preparing a stablized aqueous solution of granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor, which comprises adding EDTA at a concentration of 0.1 to 50 mM to a solution comprising 500 µg/ml granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor, 10 mM TRIS-HCL, 40 mg/ml mannitol and 10 mg/ml sucrose.
 6. (Original) The process of claim 5, wherein the EDTA is added at a concentration of 5 mM.
 7. (Original) The process of claim 5, wherein the recombinant granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor is sargramostim.

a) 8. (Original) The process of claim 7, further comprising the step of lyophilizing the aqueous solution.

9. (Original) A therapeutic method comprising administering to a patient in need thereof an aqueous solution of granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor according to claim 3.

10. (New) A method for treating inflammatory bowel disease comprising administering to a patient in need thereof the aqueous solution of claim 1.

11. (New) A method for treating inflammatory bowel disease of claim 10 wherein the recombinant granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor is sargramostim.

12. (New) A method for treating inflammatory bowel disease of claim 10 wherein the inflammatory bowel disease is Crohn's disease.

13. (New) A method for treating inflammatory bowel disease of claim 12 wherein the recombinant granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor is sargramostim.

14. (New) A method for treating ulcers comprising administering to a patient in need thereof the aqueous solution of claim 1.

15. (New) A method for treating ulcers of claim 14 wherein the recombinant granulocyte macrophage colony-stimulating factor is sargramostim.